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Mr. Jean J. Couturier, Executive Director National Civil Service League 315 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Couturier:

Thank you for your letter, on behalf of the National Civil Service League, inviting me to submit nominations for the eleventh annual Career Service Awards Program.

I welcome the opportunity of submitting the nomination of Mr. Richard Helms, Deputy Director for Plans of the Central Intelligence Agency. I believe his leadership in the foreign intelligence activities of our country and his contributions to our national security merit public recognition. He has had an exceptional career in intelligence operations, has made a most significant contribution to this Agency, is an outstanding administrator, and possesses a high potential for continued contribution to the senior level of Government operation.

I wish to express my appreciation for the continued effort of the League to promote good government by recognizing and encouraging distinguished public service.

Sincerely,

/s/

John A. McCone Director

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his associates in the intelligence community and his subordinates alike. He enjoys the intense loyalty of his staff and other members of the Agency not because of his position, but because of his integrity, his dedication to the Agency, and the personal consideration and support which he extends to all of them.

The nomination of Mr. Helms for the National Civil Service League Career Service Award is based on his major contributions to the security of our country and his effective leadership in the development of a career civilian intelligence service which has accomplishments of great national significance to its credit. He is a dedicated public servant and an outstanding example of the highest tradition of the Federal service.

## LIST OF MEDIA WITH POSSIBLE INTEREST IN CANDIDATE'S SELECTION

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